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5                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7                   AT TACOMA

8 PUGET SOUNDKEEPER ALLIANCE,

CASE NO. 3:17-cv-5016 BHS

9                   Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

10 PORT OF TACOMA; SSA  
11 TERMINALS, LLC; and SSA  
TERMINALS (TACOMA),

12 Defendants.

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14         This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff Puget Soundkeeper Alliance's motion  
15 to appoint a settlement judge. Dkt. 413. Plaintiff indicated that the parties met to discuss a  
16 potential settlement of this matter earlier this month, but that they were ultimately  
17 unsuccessful. *Id.* at 2. It urges the Court to appoint a settlement judge pursuant to Local  
18 Civil Rule 39.1(a)(4) and (e) to reach a resolution after nearly eight years of litigation.  
19 Plaintiff indicated that it reached out to defendants to inquire whether they would join in  
20 its motion, but that "neither party substantively responded." *Id.* at 3.

1 Defendants Port of Tacoma, SSA Terminals, LLC and SSA Terminals (Tacoma)  
2 are hereby directed to file a **SHOW CAUSE IN WRITING** by September 25, 2024, why  
3 Plaintiff's motion to appoint a settlement judge, Dkt. 413, should not be granted.

4 Dated this 18th day of September, 2024.

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7 BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
United States District Judge